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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED AUGUST 2, 2006

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 2, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the remarks and amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is due November 2, 2006, this Response is timely filed.